

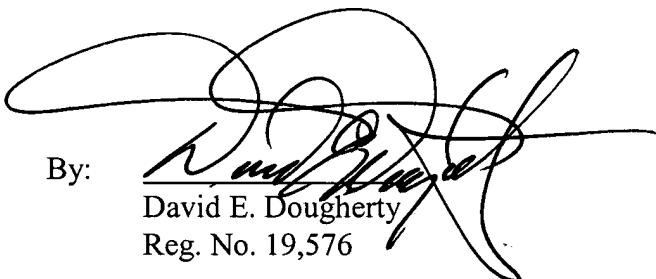
REMARKS

Applicant has cancelled claims 1-13 and added new claims 14-18 in order to overcome the Examiner's objections to claims 3, 6, 8, 9 and 11-13 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. In drafting new claims, claim 14 corresponds to original claim 6 and includes each of the elements of claim 1 and claim 6 plus a binding member for limiting the opening of the fitting member which was originally included in claim 3. Claim 15 includes all of the elements of original claim 7 plus the limitation of claims 8 and 9.

Accordingly, it is Applicant's contention that this claim is now in independent form and should be allowed. Claim 16 corresponds to original claim 7, 9 and 13 and is presented in independent form. Accordingly, it is Applicant's contention that this claim is now in proper form for allowance. Claim 17 is dependent on claim 16 but includes the limitations from claims 8 and 11. Accordingly, this claim should be allowed. Claim 18 is also dependent on claim 16 but includes the elements of claims 8 and 12.

Since all of the claims are now either independent claims and include all of the elements of previously allowable claims this application should be in condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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